ENQUIRY INTO THE POLICE FIRING AT YELLUR VILLAGE IN BELGAUM TALUK.

*Q.—200. Sri V. S. PATIL (Belgaum I).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have instituted any inquiry regarding the Police firing on the 8th of February 1960, at Yellur Village in Belgaum Taluk ;

(*b*) if so, the result of the inquiry ;

(*c*) whether they will place a copy of the report of the inquiry officer on the table of the House ;

(*d*) the steps Government have taken against those who were responsible for the firing ;

(*e*) the reasons for not instituting Judicial inquiry into the said occurrence as yet ?

*A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Home).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) to (*d*) Do not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*) above.

(*c*) There were no circumstances warranting an enquiry.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Do the Government remember that they have initiated a policy as disclosed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister that whenever there is a police firing an enquiry by the Department is held and then if there is anything serious to be found from the departmental enquiry, then a judicial enquiry is to be ordered ?

†Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I do not think to my knowledge that the Chief Minister has at any time said that whenever there is a firing an enquiry is to be held. There is no such thing as that initiated by the Chief Minister to my knowledge.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—In regard to this particular case also, the matter was raked up in this House and at that time the Hon'ble Chief Minister has said that ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—To my knowledge, no such assurance has been given by the Government stating that an enquiry would be held into the question of firing that took place at Yellur.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—What were the circumstance under which police had to resort to firing in this case?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The Hon'ble Member himself knows much better than I do regarding the circumstances that necessitated firing.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Is Government aware that the police and the Government officers of the Revenue Department trespassed into the houses of the villagers and that is why there was commotion and the police had to resort to firing?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The commotion was not due to any trespass ommitted by any Government officer, but it was due to the incitement that was resorted to by Members of the M.E.S. including the Hon'ble Member himself.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—I am going to challenge this statement on the floor of the House. He is making a false statement.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I am sorry, the incitement was made by M.E.S. Members.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—According to my information and according to the report which I received on behalf of Government it was Sri V. S. Patil who tried to pacify; he was not an instrigator.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Sir, I requested Government to answer this question on the floor of this House after getting full information and not as we discuss this matter on the platform.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The Hon'ble Member is a Member of the M. E. S. The firing was due to the instrigation that was committed by Members of the M.E.S. Whether the Hon'ble Member was present there or not, I am not aware.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Regarding this police firing a case has been filead. Is there a single M.E.S. person in that case filed by Government?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Cases have been filed against about 31 people. In case No. I, who are all M.E.S. Members and who are not, I am not in a position to say now. There are other cases also in which Sri Samaji and Sri Sunthankar and others are involved. They are all Members of the M.E.S.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—I should like to correct the Hon'ble Home Minister. Sri Sunthankar is an accused in a completely different case which incident occurred at 3-60 p.m. on that day. Sri Samaji is the accused in a case which incident occurred on that day at 4-30 p.m. but this firing had taken place at 6–30 a.m. on that day.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I need not take any information from the Hon'ble Member. Government is fully aware of the facts of the case. These incidents are all incidents which took place on the same day and every one of them is connected with each other.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—I should like to know whether Government are going to have any enquiry into this firing and whether they are prepared to take steps against the officers who were found to have neglected their duties.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Government have examined the whole cases and Government feel confident that there was absolutely no case of negligence on the part of any Government officer and therefore Government see no reason to order an enquiry.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know how many persons received bullet wounds in this firing and how many were admitted to hospital?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA—I have got the whole list. I will place it on the table. Hon'ble Members may look into it and find out how many received bullet wounds, how many were lathi-charged. The total number of officers injured is 16 and the total number of villagers including 2 panchas injured is 53.

Sri N. O. SAMAJI.—Who got the injured people admitted to hospital?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—That information is not before me.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know whether any police officer or revenue officer was admitted to hospital for any injury?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—That were all treated in the hospital, whether they were admitted in the hospital or not, that information is not before me.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—In all these cases of police firing is it not better and in the interests of justice and public opinion that Government should think of appointing a judicial or magisterial enquiry at least to allay suspicion?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is a question of opinion. There is no question of doubt here. It is purely a question of self-defence. If firing had not been resorted to, according to the information of Government the lives of the police officers and the revenue officers were at stake.

INSPECTION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION IN MYSORE, BANGALORE

* *Q.*—223. Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA (Nanjangud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of educational institutions inspected by the present Director of Public Instruction during his tenure of office as such, and the dates of such inspection;

(*b*) whether he has issued inspection notes in respect of institutions so inspected by him and the dates thereof;

(*c*) the number of inspection notes sent by the Deputy Directors of Public Instruction from time to time that have been reviewed by the Director of Public Instruction and the dates thereof;

(*d*) whether these inspection notes and reviews have been followed up and with what result?